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Re: Comments on Permit MT0028797, Twin Bridges Wastewater Treatment Facility

Dear Mr. Kenning:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the draft permit and fact sheet for Twin Bridges Wastewater Treatment Facility, MT0028797, and has the following comments:

Please note that the Jefferson River Metals Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) document is now final and was approved by EPA on December 11, 2014. Although the TMDL requires iron and lead monitoring in lieu of a numeric wasteload allocation (WLA), like the other monitoring requirements in the draft permit, the final TMDL clarifies that monitoring is only necessary when the facility is discharging. EPA recommends the reference in the Fact Sheet to "meeting the negligible requirements outlined in the TMDL" that would trigger development of WLA be clarified to indicate that if the concentrations in the monitoring data exceed the levels identified in the TMDL, a WLA will be developed.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Kusnierz at 457-5001, or by e-mail at kusnierz.lisa@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Carson Coate".

Carson Coate, Supervisor
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